

Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. BDAC will also provide a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: November 9, 1995.

Roger Patterson,

Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Public Hearing

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and requirements for participation in an annual public hearing to be conducted by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) on December 18, 1995. This hearing is required by the OPIC Amendments Act of 1985, and this notice is being published to facilitate public participation. The notice also describes OPIC and the subject matter of the hearing.

DATES: The hearing will be held on December 18, 1995, and will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Prospective participants must submit to OPIC before close of business December 7, 1995, notice of their intent to participate.

ADDRESSES: The location of the hearing will be: Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC. Notices and prepared statements should be sent to Harvey Himberg, Investment Development Department, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20527.

PROCEDURE: (a) Attendance; Participation. The hearing will be open to the public. However, a person wishing to present views at the hearing must provide OPIC with advance notice on or before December 7, 1995. The notice must include the name, address

and telephone number of the person who will make the presentation, the name and address of the organization which the person represents (if any) and a concise summary of the subject matter of the presentation.

(b) Prepared Statements. Any participant wishing to submit a prepared statement for the record must submit it to OPIC with the notice or, in any event, not later than 5 p.m. on December 14, 1995. Prepared statements must be typewritten, double spaced and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

(c) Duration of Presentations. Oral presentations will in no event exceed ten (10) minutes, and the time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all prospective participants on a particular subject an opportunity to be heard or to permit all subjects to be covered.

(d) Agenda. Upon receipt of the required notices, OPIC will draw up an agenda for the hearing setting forth the subject or subjects on which each participant will speak and the time allotted for each presentation. OPIC will provide each prospective participant with a copy of the agenda.

(e) Publication of Proceedings. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be compiled and published. The transcript will be available to members of the public at the cost of reproduction.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPIC is a U.S. Government agency which provides, on a commercial basis, political risk insurance and financing in friendly developing countries and emerging democracies for projects which confer positive developmental benefits upon the project country while avoiding negative effects on the U.S. economy and the environment of the project country. OPIC is required by section 231A(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended ("the Act") to hold at least one public hearing each year.

Among other issues, OPIC's annual public hearing has, in previous years, provided a forum for testimony concerning section 231A(a) of the Act. This section provides that OPIC may operate its programs only in those countries that are determined to be "taking steps to adopt and implement laws that extend internationally recognized worker rights to workers in that country (including any designated zone in that country)."

Based on consultations with Congress, OPIC complies with annual determinations made by the Executive Branch with respect to worker rights for countries that are eligible for the

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). Any country for which GSP eligibility is revoked on account of its failure to take steps to adopt and implement internationally recognized worker rights is subject concurrently to the suspension of OPIC programs until such time as a favorable worker rights determination can be made.

For non-GSP countries in which OPIC operates its programs, OPIC reviews any country which is the subject of a formal challenge at its annual public hearing. To qualify as a formal challenge, testimony must pertain directly to the worker rights requirements of the law as defined in OPIC's 1985 reauthorizing legislation (Pub. L. 99-204) with reference to the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and be supported by factual information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING CONTACT:

Harvey A. Himberg, Investment Development Department, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20527 (202) 336-8614 or by facsimile at (202) 408-9862.

Dated: November 15, 1995.

Richard C. Horanburg,

Department of Legal Affairs.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Availability of Environmental Assessments

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332, the Commission has prepared and made available environmental assessments for the proceedings listed below. Dates environmental assessments are available are listed below for each individual proceeding.

To obtain copies of these environmental assessments contact Ms. Tawanna Glover-Sanders, Interstate Commerce Commission, Section of Environmental Analysis, Room 3219, Washington, DC 20423, (202) 927-6203.

Comments on the following assessment are due 15 days after the date of availability:

AB-55 (Sub-No. 516X), CSX Transportation, Inc. Abandonment in Floyd County, KY. EA available 11/17/95.

AB-369 (SUB-NO. 4X), Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—In Clearfield County, PA. EA available 11/17/95.

Comments on the following assessment are due 30 days after the date of availability:

None.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[Finance Docket No. 32800]

Columbus and Steens Junction Railway, Inc.; Trackage Rights Exemption; Columbus and Greenville Railway Company

Columbus and Steens Junction Railway, Inc. (CSJ), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire local trackage rights over a 8.54-mile line of railroad,¹ owned by Columbus and Greenville Railway Company (C&G). The trackage rights include: (1) The rail line of C&G lying between the north boundary line of U.S. Highway No. 182 (milepost 0.5) and the western terminus of the former main line track of C&G (milepost 6.54), a distance of 6.04 miles, and (2) the main tracks in C&G's Columbus, MS, rail yard between the yard limits on the north and east (milepost 935.0) and South Seventh Avenue on the south, a distance of 2.5 miles, including wye tracks adjacent to the C&G shop, in Lowndes County, MS.² The trackage rights were scheduled to become effective on November 2, 1995, the effective date of the exemption.

Any comments must be filed with the Commission and served on: Eric M. Hocky, 213 W. Miner Street, P.O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

Decided: November 17, 1995.

¹ The class exemption at 49 CFR 1150.31 is properly invoked here, as 49 U.S.C. 10901 governs an acquisition of trackage rights by a noncarrier.

² C&G states that, under the trackage rights agreement, CSJ will have the nonexclusive right to serve all industrial side tracks and team tracks appurtenant to the subject line as well as the right to use its existing rail terminals located along or adjacent thereto. If the industrial, side, and team tracks that CSJ intends to acquire trackage rights over are an integral part of a continuous movement in interstate commerce, then the tracks are not covered by 49 U.S.C. 10907(b)(1) and the Commission has jurisdiction over the transaction. Accordingly, the exemption here applies to such track if it is used in interstate commerce.

By the Commission, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1153X)]

Consolidated Rail Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—in Niagara County, NY

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has filed a verified notice under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 3.5 miles of rail line at or near Lockport, in Niagara County, NY. The involved lines are (1) the Gulf Line Industrial Track, between milepost 25.30± and the end of the track at milepost 26.60±, and (2) the Lockport Industrial Track between milepost 24.50± and the end of the track at milepost 26.70±.

Conrail has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in complainant's favor within the last 2 years; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 and 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies), and 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether employees are adequately protected, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

This exemption will be effective December 20, 1995, unless stayed or a statement of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) is filed. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ statements of

¹ The Commission will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Commission in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Commission may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29³ must be filed by November 30, 1995. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 11, 1995. An original and 10 copies of any such filing must be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423. In addition, one copy must be served on John J. Paylor, Consolidated Rail Corporation, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, P.O. Box 41416, Philadelphia, PA 19101.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Conrail has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by November 24, 1995. A copy of the EA may be obtained by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: November 13, 1995.

By the Commission, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 515X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Jefferson County, FL

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152, Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon its 1.85-mile line of railroad extending between milepost SPB-772.15 and milepost SPB-774.0 at the end of the track, in Drifton, Jefferson County, FL.

² See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

³ The Commission will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.